(e) the total number of civil registered aircrafts which had suffered accidents during the last three years and till date ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Directorate of Airworthiness of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued 89 certificates of airworthiness in the last three years. The Directorate maintains all the details/records in respect of all such cases which are 889 till date.

(e) 39 aircrats were involved in accidents during the last 3 years.

Problems of passengers at Hyderabad Airport

3922. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are proposed to be taken to make Hyderabad airport efficient in terms of passenger services ;

(b) the number of people employed at the Airport by Indian Airlines to attend to passenger requirements ;

(c) whether any survey of the problems faced by passengers at Hyderabad airport has been made ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that senior personnel are available at least twice a day to ensure that passengers are properly attended to ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The steps taken by Indian Airlines to improve the passenger services at Hyderabad airport include increasing the working hours of the booking office at the airport, provision of additional telephone lines for passenger's convenience, RAPID system (under installation) for advising the passengers of delays to the flights, if any and pressing into operation of Kerb Squads, in case of delays, at the airport. Besides, National Airports Authority has undertaken a project for expansion of Terminal Building.

(b) and (c) There are 10 officers, 64 Traffic staff and 69 loaders employed by Indian Airlines at airport. One Duty Manager and two Duty Officers are always available in each shift. Station Manager, Hyderabad also visits the airport at least once a day.

(c) and (d) According to a survey conducted by NAA, passenger amenities/services at the airport were generally found satisfactory. Nevertheless any problem faced by passengers is immediately attended to by the personnel on duty.

Manufacturing of Aircrafts by Indian Aviation Industry

3923. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines and Air India have a planning to buy some new aircrafts ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Indian Aviation Industry propose to manufacture its own aircrafts rather than indigenous foreign aircraft technology ; and

(d) what is Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Both Indian Airlines and Air India have long term plans for fleet renewal. However, the exact number and types of aircraft to be acquired and the cost cannot be indicated with any degree of finality at this stage. According to the indicative plans, Air India will have a fleet strength of 56 aircrafts by 2010/2011 and Indian Airlines a fleet of 175 aircrafts by 2009/2010.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government, at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Tourist Traffic

3924. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for the last two successive years the tourist traffic has been very poor ;

(b) if so, what was the number of foreign tourists who visited India in 1992 ;

(c) to what extent it was less in comparison to 1991 ;

(d) whether the position during 1993 was also of declining trend in regard to tourist traffic ;

(e) if so, what were the main and major problems that reduced the tourist traffic ;

(f) whether the tourist traffic has shown an increasing trend during the last 3 months of the current year :

(g) whether Government are proposing to give a face-lift to the new areas of tourist interest ;

(h) if so, what are the places which are being developed for tourist traffic particularly the Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat ; and